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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 05-JAN-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	56-69	56.00-59.00	59.13	24

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-JAN-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	133,187	116,078

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

69.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

68.94

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.50	1,200
BREASTS - B/S	170.00	4,538
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,253
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	925
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	6,340
WINGS	104.00	2,511

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery were unchanged in Chicago. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were light for the limited trade interest. Retail demand was mostly slow but adequate. Retail demand was light to moderate and expected to improve going into next week and the first of the month business. Food service demand was in a full range, best in Chicago and parts of Ohio. Floor stocks were mostly adequate to occasionally ample. Weights were desirable. Supplies of wings were tight, balance of parts items adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, and generally steady on balance of items.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK OF JANUARY 02, 2004

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00**	64.50**	62.00**	EASTERN REGION	66.85**	69.33	66.96
CENTRAL REGION	63.00**	63.50**	61.50**	CENTRAL REGION	65.80**	68.07	66.56
WESTERN REGION	64.50**	65.00**	61.50**	WESTERN REGION	67.02**	69.14	66.90

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 27-Dec-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
HEAD	113,075
AVG WT	5.22
LAST WEEK	154,431
SAME WK YR AGO	107,976
AVG WT	5.10
TO-DATE/2003	7,932,277
TO-DATE/2002	7,986,625

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS
HEAD	901	1,212
AVG WT	15.02	37.60
LAST WEEK	2,490	2,747
SAME WK YR AGO	1,122	1,667
AVG WT	15.11	38.24
TO-DATE/2003	98,120	141,249
TO-DATE/2002	96,225	142,925

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	99.00 - 101.00	100.09
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	150.00	150.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	78.00	78.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	121.00	121.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy Round	402.00 510.25	412.53
168 3 Round, top inside round	126.00 148.00	132.13
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	410.00 443.25	416.33
Ground Beef 81%	110.52 140.45	131.30

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